Title: Need to set up separate Development Board for Konkan region -laid.

SHRI SURESH PRABHAKAR PRABHU (RAJAPUR): There is persistent demand for separate Development Board for Konkan. Konkan region is as backward as Vidarbha and Marathwada regions. The State Legislature of Maharashtra has passed unanimous resolution on 13 March, 1989 requesting for a separate Development Board for Konkan by making suitable amendment to article 371 (2) of the constitution of India. The formal proposal of the state Government in this regard was submitted to Government of India on 21.4.1989.

Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India vide their letter dated 18 July, 2005 requested the State Government to obtain the views of both the Houses of the State Legislature for the setting of a separate Development Board for Konkan.

As per the suggestion given by the Home Ministry, Government of India, the state Legislature has again passed unanimous Resolution on 15$^{th}$ December, 2005 requesting for a separate Development Board for Konkan.

The matter of separate Development Board for Konkan is still pending with the Union Government. I, therefore request the Union Government to take immediate necessary steps for setting up of separate Development Board for Konkan.